Summary: Key Principles

In my opinion it is necessary for all parties such as law enforcement, courts, judges, probation officer, social services, school professional and families to implement and promote a shared leadership & responsibility by using strategies, informal and voluntarily regarding behaviors of status offenders behavior. In addition, prevention and intervention and empowering families and providing appropriate services in a timely manner. Making sure youth and families are provided with assessments, treatment, community based serves and services. That youth are NOT placed in a secure facility.

Mandate meaningful case planning, services delivered and received and right to counsel, and appropriate disposition strategies for youth and families. Most important, implement a status offense strategies that promote shared leadership and responsibility of all staff that work with status offenders and families.

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